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Safety experts agree that there is no such thing as a safe firecracker. Even harmless appearing items, such as sparklers, have killed and maimed.

The sale of most fireworks may be illegal in Virginia; however, it is not uncommon for them to be smuggled in for use. Adults must make youngsters understand that mishandling or improper, unsupervised use of fireworks is not play, but assault with a deadly weapon. Adults must set a good example.

What would the Fourth of July be without viewing the 'rockets red glare' and hearing bombs 'bursting in the air'? For those who feel the Fourth wouldn't be any fun without the and bang, the National Safety Council strongly advises attendance at a public fireworks display supervised and controlled by professional pyrotechnicians. In the hands of amateurs, fireworks are dangerous and offer little visual and/or audio appeal. Under the guardianship of professionals, fireworks become an art form of sound and light.



Do attend and support your community's fireworks exhibitions and activities. Be aware also that ALL FIREWORKS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPARKLERS, ARE ILLEGAL AT FORT EUSTIS AND FORT STORY!



ENJOY YOURSELF SAFELY –

**LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE
EXPERTS**